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quarantinable disease known to have occurred in this city since the beginning of the present year.

With reference to the plague rats discovered in Tokyo last month, press reports state that the source of infection seems to be traceable to a certain shipment of beans from Niuchwang via Hongkong, which arrived in Yokohama on May 11 and was thence transferred to Tokyo. This version of the affair, if correct, tends to confirm the port of Hongkong in its character as "the plague-distribution center of the world."

During the week ended June 11, 1904, 3 vessels having an aggregate personnel of 309 crew and 530 passengers were inspected; 31 crew and 207 steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing disinfected.

Reports of communicable diseases in Yokohama have been received as follows: For the week ended May 28, enteric fever, 1 case, no death; diphtheria, 2 cases, no deaths. For the week ended June 4, enteric fever, 4 cases, no deaths; diphtheria, 3 cases, 2 deaths; dysentery, 2 cases, no deaths.

Smallpox practically extinct at Nagasaki.

During the week ended June 25, 1904, bills of health were issued to 2 vessels, one being a vessel of the United States Navy, without inspection.

No official return of contagious diseases in Yokohama has been received since last report.

From a quarantine standpoint, health conditions in Japan seem normal. In Nagasaki smallpox, which was recently quite prevalent, has practically disappeared.

During the present year to June 23 there have been recorded in Formosa 3,959 cases of plague with 2,802 deaths, a large increase as compared with statistics for a corresponding period of 1903.

Recently circumstantial press reports have appeared announcing the outbreak of cholera in Seoul, Korea. These rumors are, however, refuted by the Japanese consul at Seoul, who states, under date of June 25, that he has ascertained from the Korean authorities that no cases of cholera have occurred in the above city so far this year.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Korea* recommended, June 11, 1904, for rejection: For Honolulu, 5; for San Francisco, 1.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Gaelic* recommended, June 14, for rejection: For Honolulu, 3.

MEXICO.

Notice in regard to inspection service for applying measures against reappearance of yellow fever.

The following notice is received from the superior council of health, of Mexico, under date of July 14:

Special service has been established at Vera Cruz, Coatzacoalcas, Ozuama, Jaltipam, Tampico, Ciudad Victoria, Ciudad de Valles, Linares, Monterey, Laredo, Progreso, Merida, Salina Cruz, and Tehuantepec